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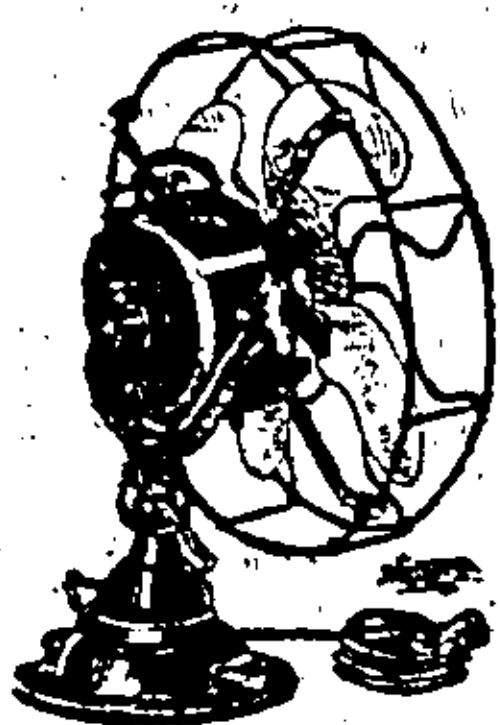
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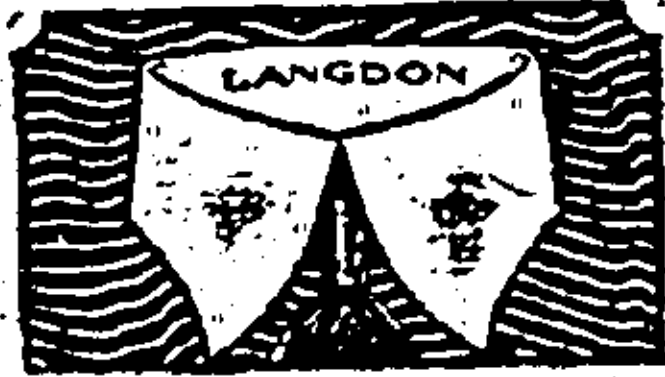
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NEW COAL CRISIS.

GRAVE MENACE COMPLICATES SITUATION.

VITAL SERVICES THREATENED.

RAILWAYMEN AND TRANSPORT WORKERS REFUSE TO HANDLE COAL.

LONDON, May 10.

Simultaneously with the conversations between the Labour representatives and the Premier yesterday, which have been occasioning a natural feeling of optimism in responsible circles as regards the coal situation, a fresh grave menace has arisen to complicate the crisis. The railwaymen and transport workers now refuse to touch coal even for vital services. The trouble began on the Clyde and is declared to be due to communist activities.

MORE TROOP DISORDERS.

In connection with the fresh menace in the coal crisis it is disquieting that serious troop disorders similar to the week-end disorders at Aldershot occurred at Colchester and Doncaster. The disorders are attributed to widespread attempts of the communist faction to stir up trouble.

FILLIP TO HOPES OF SETTLEMENT.

LONDON, May 9.

Hopes of settlement of the coal strike are encouraged by the announcement that the Premier sent a message to the King at the last moment stating that he was unavoidably prevented from meeting Prince Hirohito at Victoria Station. The Premier meanwhile with the Cabinet discussed the coal question. Subsequently replying to a question in the House of Commons, the Premier said that the Government was doing its best to effect a settlement. It was inadvisable to say more.

UPPER SILESIA OUTBREAK.

POLISH INSURGENTS OVERRUN WHOLE PLEBISCITE AREA.

LONDON, May 9.

In the House of Commons at question time, Mr. Cecil Harmsworth said that the Polish insurgents had overrun the whole of the plebiscite area to the Oder. The Allies were considering proposals for settlement and steps were being taken to strengthen the police by local recruiting. The Polish Government had been requested to close the frontier and prohibit assistance or encouragement of the insurgents.

Replying to supplementary questions, the Premier agreed that it was unfortunate the incident should have arisen when the German Government was making up its mind on the disarmament question. It was doing her utmost to bring pressure to bear on the Polish Government.

GERMANY SNUBBED.

BERLIN, May 9.

The French reply to the German note of the 8th inst. expressing the Silesian revolt definitely avers that the trouble was due to false German reports regarding the Allies' award to Poland and Germany. It states that the Allies have done everything to restore order. A distinct improvement is reported from the most important coal centres. Gas in the police force through desertion of Poles have been filled up. The reply emphasises that the inter-Allied Commission will not accept outside help.

FISCAL CONTROVERSY.

FREE TRADE AND TARIFF REFORM DISPUTE AGAIN.

ANTI-DUMPING LEGISLATION.

LONDON, May 9.

A fiscal controversy foreshadowing a revival of the free trade and tariff reform dispute was reopened in the House of Commons this afternoon, when Mr. Baldwin introduced resolutions in connection with the safeguarding of industries bill. He declared that the Government intended to ignore criticism and introduce the measure. He pointed out that the list of articles affected was dormant and within very narrow limits. He declared that most of them were essential to national defence and the scientific foundation of British industries, giving as an instance the chemical dye trades. Dealing with dumping, Mr. Baldwin declared that a committee would be established empowered to impose duties for a period of five years when satisfied that British industries were likely to be affected thereby. Food and drink were specifically excluded.

The ex-coalitionist member, Sir A. Barton, now an Asquithian supporter, moved an amendment restricting the duration of the resolutions to a year instead of five years. He accused the Government of always considering the producer and not the consumer who had to pay every time the Government paid attention to home trade before foreign. Sir A. Mond, one of the protagonists of free trade in the last fiscal debate, now supported the resolutions. He maintained that they did not contain anything more objectionable to free traders. People mistakenly thought that free trade meant cheap goods. He contended that it was foolish to say we did not know what would be wanted in another war therefore we ought to do nothing. He declared that the anti-dumping regulations would give British manufacturers a square deal. The present situation was a business bedlam.

[The terms of the resolutions give effect to the Government's promise of legislation to safeguard British industries from foreign competition. The resolutions, which, if passed, will be given effect to in this year's Finance Act, provide an Ad Valorem duty of 33 1/3 per cent; for five years on certain commodities regardless of the country from whence they are imported, including chemical and scientific glassware, magnesite and tungsten products. These come mostly from Germany and are already subject to a fifty per cent tax under the Reparations Act. The resolutions will also provide for an additional customs duty of 33 1/3 per cent, in order to check dumping and protect British manufacturers against competition of foreign goods which, owing to the depreciation of currencies, can be sold in Britain at prices below those at which they can profitably be manufactured in England.]

BOXING.

BRITON WINS EUROPEAN LIGHT-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

LONDON, May 10.

At the National Sporting Club in the 20 round contest for the European light-weight championship, Briton, Briton, light-weight champion, beat Georges Papin (France), the holder, in the tenth round.

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MOTOR COACHES.

FOR LOCAL TRAFFIC.

AN IMPORTANT INNOVATION.

ON KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

To enable local passenger traffic on the Kowloon-Canton railway to be more economically and more conveniently handled two motor coaches and a trailer coach are to be purchased from America and placed on the Kowloon-Shumchun run.

Details in regard to the innovation were furnished by Mr. H. P. Winslow, head of the British section of the railway, to a China Mail reporter who approached him on the subject to-day. The chief object the authorities had in view was, Mr. Winslow explained, to effect economy. At present there were certain local trains—be instance the 6.25 p.m. from Kowloon to Shumchun—which were scarcely profitable to run but must be kept on the time table so that the development of the new territories may be encouraged. Some of those trains will be replaced by the new motor coaches whose running cost will be considerably lower than that of a locomotive draw-train.

The new vehicles will be 62 feet long with a centre corridor. One of the power coaches will accommodate 36 first class and 30 third class passengers and in the other there will be room for 24 first class and 42 third class passengers. Seating accommodation in the trailer will be provided for 60 third class and 30 second class passengers. Each of the power coaches will be fitted with a 150 H.P. 6 cylinder engine, possessing an 8 inch bore and a 10 inch stroke. They will be adapted for using kerosene or fuel and the motor will be equipped with a high tension magneto distributor with coil and battery connection providing two separate sets of ignition, entirely independent of each other and running on two sets of sparking plugs. Electric self starters will be fitted to each engine and the coaches will be equipped with Westinghouse air brakes.

The cars will be lighter than an ordinary railway coach and it is estimated that their consumption of fuel will range somewhere about 3 miles to the gallon. They are to be constructed by the Hall Scott motor car Co., of San Francisco, who have already supplied the same type of coach to seventeen different railways in America.

Mr. Winslow anticipates that the vehicles will be delivered here in November. Their construction in America is to be supervised by the Superintendent of the Kowloon-Canton railway (Mr. C. D. Lambert) who will journey across to San Francisco for the purpose at the end of this month.

SILVER WEDDING.

The numerous friends of Mr. Alfred Morris, head-master of Sai Yingpun School, and Mrs. Morris, are congratulating them this week on their Silver Wedding anniversary, they having married on May 9, twenty-five years ago. Mr. Morris, who is identified with many social activities here, notably with free masonry, came to the colony on May 12, 1905. Mr. Morris arrived in September four years later. Their daughter, Dorothy, is expected out this autumn, about October.

A steward on the s.s. "Oxfordshire," recently had an unfortunate experience. After leaving Suez, on the outward journey he happened to sneeze whilst leaning over the rail. It was the most expensive sneeze he ever had in his life, for his false teeth came out and fell into the sea. At Colombo he was told that a new set would cost £20; but in view of the fact that he had lost his original teeth as the result of shell shock in the war, a Colombo dentist agreed to supply a new set for £11, which was to be ready when the ship touched Colombo again on the homeward voyage some three or four weeks later.

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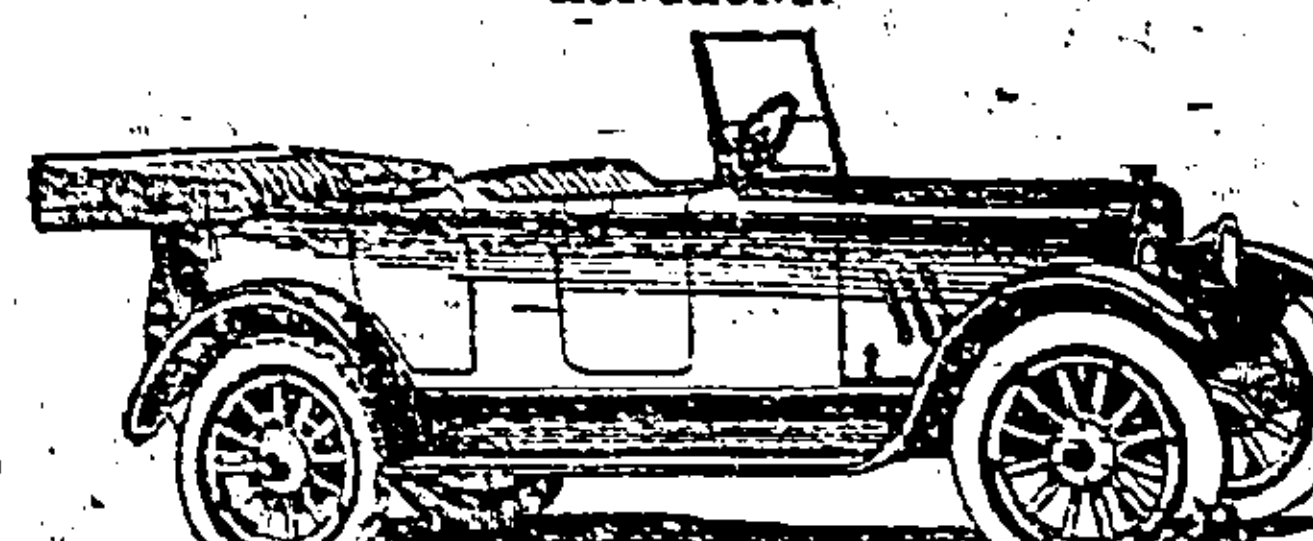
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ODDS AND ENDS.

MAINLY SCISSORS LOOT.

A 3,000-Years-Old Woman.
Compared with the skeleton found at Tilbury some years ago to say nothing of Eoanthropus, whose skull was found in the Pitdown bed (Sussex) and whose antiquity is almost incalculable—the woman whose body has been discovered buried in a hollowed-out tree trunk at Egved, in Jutland, is almost modern. She is perhaps 3,000 years junior to that primitive lady revealed by the breaking away of the cliff at Walton-on-the-Naze, who made a meal of haws and blackberries just before she died and whose skull measurements correspond, according to Professor Keith, almost exactly with those of the average woman student of to-day.

Nevertheless she is very interesting to people in this country, in whom there is so much Jute or Anglian blood. The ornaments buried with her, the skirt, and the mere fact that she was interred in a coffin all point to the existence among these remote and indirect ancestors of ours of a higher degree of civilisation than that with which we are accustomed to credit them. For anything we know to the contrary, the skirt may have been a new fashion in Jutland in her day, but, according to one authority on Crete, ladies in that island were wearing not only skirts but even crinolines ages before she was born.

Prohibition Joke.

The most popular joke on the American vaudeville stage today is the question, "When does the Prohibition Law become effective?" and it is apparently true that no one with a desire to purchase liquor and willing to pay the price need go without. The recent decision of the Public Prosecutor of the United States that physicians may prescribe beer and wines in unlimited quantities has already resulted in reviving the tawdry industry and stimulating the importation of wines for "medical purposes." A prominent New York doctor instituted a test case in the courts, in which he questions the constitutionality of the regulation requiring physicians to prescribe a maximum of a pint of spirits every ten days. He contends that no one is better qualified than a physician to know the requirements of his patients, and that the law restricting the use of such stimulant is dangerous to the life and health of the community.

Mixed Justice.

That there is no rose without its thorn is true metaphorically, if not botanically. For the emancipation of woman the price must be paid. In the case of Miss Martin, a school-teacher of Trelaw (Cornwall), the price was £5. Miss Trelaw was summoned to serve on the jury at the Corn wall Assizes, but she wrote the sheriff intimating that she would not attend. When the court assembled and her name was called there was no response. The undersheriff called thrice "Elizabeth Martin, come forth and save your fine." But she came not. In this age of unchivalry there was no advocate to urge in extenuation, "Perchance she sleepeth," and the judge, with the lack of gallantry characteristic of his tribe, fined the absent lady £5. Miss Martin explained subsequently that though she was not the reason for her non-attendance, but she considered it her duty to remain at her school, the work of which would have been seriously prejudiced by her absence.

New Thames Tunnel.

The proposal to cut a tunnel under the Thames between Gravesend and Tilbury will awaken a good deal of interest among the seafarers of the port of London, but not much more. The present service of ferry steamers owned by the Midland Railway is very tolerably efficient and remarkably little nuisance to the other users of the river. On the other hand, the service is only according to the convenience of the trains, while the tunnel would of course be available at any minute at which one chose to cross. That would be very convenient, but whether it would be worth the matter of two and a half millions mentioned in the estimate is quite another matter. Presumably more vehicles would use the tunnel than now avail themselves of the horse ferry, but it is questionable as to whether the traffic would be very great under any circumstances. The rival scheme is to cut a tunnel from Dartford, and so save a million on the cost.

HOME ITEMS.

At the Theatre Royal at Bradford the contents of the property-room were put up for sale. It was a motley collection, including principal boys' hats, 600 dresses of all shapes and colours, giant sea shells, two wooden cannons, basket of animals' heads, and even a skeleton. The best bargain seemed to be a ton of rags for 6s.

Despite the refusal of permission by the Bishop of London, Miss Maude Royden preached at the Three Hours' Service at St. Botolph's Church, E.C. recently. The Rev. W. H. Shaw (the rector) before the service asked anyone who had come to the church to make a protest to rise at once and, having protested, go away. "No one has the right," concluded the rector, "to appoint the preacher except the incumbent, and I have done it."

The cheapest concert in London includes a programme with a seat for 25d., including tax, and was given in Hyde Park in March by the band of the Royal Horse Guards (Blues).

The court of inquiry into the sinking of the troopship *Huntsville*, at her moorings in Southampton Docks, has found that the master committed an error of judgment in estimating the margin of safety between the waterline and the open ports on the port side, having regard to the permanent list to port. The court also censured the chief officer for lack of discipline allowed.

Boards bearing the words "Church full" have been exhibited at St. Paul's Cathedral during a special service of Passion music. So great were the numbers seeking admission that the doors had to be locked. When the service began some people were sitting on the floor.

The Egyptian Government have issued a communique stating that, to protect the cotton crop from an unjustified fall in prices due to speculation, it has decided to intervene in the spot Cotton Exchange by purchasing cotton whenever it deems it advisable.

After living in the village all her life, Mrs. Sarah Cathcart, 78, Panfield, Essex, has died. She had been verger at the parish church for 50 years, and on Armistice Day, as the rector was away, she rang the bells to spread the news. (She and her husband celebrated their diamond wedding last Christmas Day. She claimed that the secret of longevity was good temper.)

WHY

DO SOME OBJECTS BEND AND OTHERS BREAK?

In spite of the tremendous advance which has been made by science, in spite of the many discoveries which tend to make life far more pleasant and agreeable than it was a century or even a few decades ago there are still many of the simplest things for which science has yet to find the true explanation. Among these is the phenomenon known as "cohesion," or the way in which particles of matter stick together with varying degrees of strength.

It is comparatively easy, for example, to pull apart the material of which a leaf is made, while the spreading of the wood which makes up the trunk of the tree is an operation which demands a great expenditure of force. In this instance one reason for the difference in "cohesion" lies in the comparative thickness of the two substances, but even a thin sheet of metal will resist an attempt to separate its molecules, while a mass of a more porous substance, like a sponge, can be torn apart with less exertion. It is this same principle of cohesion, operating in a slightly different manner, that leads some objects to bend easily while others break, though it is not possible to explain just why this occurs. We know from experience that heat has, in some cases, some influence upon this property—for sealing wax will break when cold, but bend when heated and, as a rule, metallic substances will bend far easier after they have been subjected to heat or the process of "tempering." The explanation of this elasticity undoubtedly lies in the way in which the molecules are held together, whether tightly or in a somewhat looser manner, but the reason for this difference has yet to be accurately and simply defined.

HEAVY RAINS.

WEST RIVER FLOODS.

TOWNS UNDER WATER.

Between 6 a.m. and 2 p.m. to-day 4.55 inches of rain were recorded at the Observatory.

Reports from the different cities along the West River state that owing to excessive rain these cities are now inundated. Wuchow and other cities on the River are now under water varying from 3 to 5 feet. Boats are being used on the streets to facilitate travelling. It is feared that unless the rain ceases, there will be a general flood in the territory along the West River.

WHAT IS IT?

A PECULIAR OBJECT.

FOUND AT SEA.

A peculiar object found floating in the sea about 90 miles South of the coast of Annam was picked up by the s.s. "Lai Sang," which arrived in Hongkong harbour this morning from Calcutta. It is a sort of mooring buoy made out of an "A.P.C." naphthalene drum to which a dumb bell arrangement is attached by five or six fathoms of chain. German words that are barely decipherable are painted on the drum and at each end of the dumb bell is a globular arrangement bearing a small cap. Several naval officials examined the object during the morning but none was able to explain what it was beyond the surmise that it was used as a mooring buoy.

Another curiosity aboard the "Lai Sang" is a young and very live lion which the boatswain, it is understood, is prepared to dispose of to anyone yearning to possess it as a pet.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

The s.s. "Takada," Captain F. E. Harvey, 4,223 tons, arrived this morning at 7.40 a.m. from Moji with 124 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Ecuador," Capt. A. C. Paulsen, 3,435 tons, arrived this morning at 8.13 from Manila with 1,565 tons of groceries and 29 bags of mail.

The s.s. "Phoenipenh," Capt. D. J. Lewis, 1,065 tons, arrived this morning at 9.10 a.m., with 1,700 tons of rice and general cargo.

DEPARTURES.

The s.s. "Hsin Ping An," Capt. Ramsland, sailed for Saigon at 8 a.m. to-day with 300 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Glenfalloch," Captain McKellar, sailed for Amoy at 10 a.m. to-day with general through cargo.

The s.s. "Hupoh," Capt. Penderfather, sailed for Singapore via Swatow at 11 a.m. to-day with 100 tons of general cargo.

CLEARANCES.

The s.s. "Hok Canton," Chinese, cleared to-day and will sail for Kwong Chow Wan, at 6 a.m. to-morrow.

The s.s. "Taksang," British, cleared to-day and will sail for Haiphong via Hoihow, at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

The St. Pancras (London) Coroner, on March 21 adjourned an inquest on the body of Laurence Drew Shaw, D.S.O., a Harley-street doctor, late of Tientsin, in order that the contents of the stomach might be analyzed. Dr. B. H. Spilsbury, who made a post-mortem examination, having said that he was unable to give the cause of death. It was stated in evidence that Dr. Shaw, whose age was 39, was pathologist at the London Lock Hospital, and that he had complained of overwork, and said he was tired of life. On the night of the 16th, he stayed at the flat of a woman friend in Bloomsbury street. Next morning, after having a cup of tea, returned to bed, where he died soon afterwards. In his pockets were found a bottle labelled poison and a hypodermic syringe. Dr. Shaw, it was also stated, served as a student with a medical unit in the Boer War. He qualified on his return to England, and afterwards took up an appointment in the Far East. In 1914 he served against the Germans in China, and later saw service in Gallipoli and France. He was awarded the D.S.O. and a French decoration, and attained the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the R.A.M.C.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BOY SCOUTS.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—May I use your columns to publicly thank the following gentlemen for their very generous donations to the Hongkong Boy Scout's Association, and also to thank the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak for so materially helping in the collection of funds for this Association:—

Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak	500
Mr. Mok Kun Sang	500
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Yours sincerely,

A. O. BROWN,
Hon. Treasurer.

FIGHT WITH ROBBERS.

WOMAN'S PLUCKY ACT.

STRUGGLE IN A FLAT.

While the inmates of the first floor of No. 1 Yewwoo Street, Wanchai, were having a meal in the front room about 3.45 yesterday afternoon, they were taken by surprise by three men who had entered the flat without their knowledge. One man produced a knife and threatened death to anyone who offered resistance. The mother of the woman pluckily grappled with one of the intruders, whereupon the armed man, stabbed her in the neck and another seized an ear ring set with jade valued at \$7. During the struggle, an amah slipped into the kitchen and gave the alarm. The robbers then ran away. The wounded woman was removed to the St. Paul's Hospital at Causeway Bay. The wound is not considered serious.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The marriage arranged between Mr. Alfred E. Zimmerman and Mme. Lucie A. O. Hirsch-Florent took place quietly at St. Marylebone Parish Church on March 31.

A well-dressed Chinese who was this morning charged before Magistrate Lindsell with the theft of a roll of silk from the Chi Shing Co., Queen's Road Central, was alleged to have entered the shop about 7 p.m., yesterday and inspected several rolls of silk. Remarking that they did not suit him, he walked out. Shortly afterwards, the shop assistant missed a roll of silk. After a short chase, the defendant was caught with the silk under his long coat. Sentence of four weeks' hard labour was passed.

Evidence was taken by Magistrate Orme this morning in the Yau-mat kidnapping case reported yesterday in which a Chinese man and a woman were charged with having kidnapped and harboured a 5-year old male child. Inspector Brown said that witnesses would be called to say that the defendant took the child to the woman's house in Kowloon City where it was found on May 8. Evidence was then taken in which the defendants were committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions.

Five fatal cases of small-pox and two of plague, all Chinese, were reported during the week-end, also a non-fatal case of paratyphoid fever, British, another of diphtheria, Chinese and one of enteric fever, all Chinese. Last week ten Chinese died from small-pox (one imported case) four from plague; one from enteric fever, and three from influenza (not notifiable). Thirteen non-fatal cases of enteric fever, one of paratyphoid fever, and another of cerebro spinal fever, all Chinese, were also reported last week.

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ENTERPRISING DEALER CAUGHT.

Prosecutions in connection with the increased tobacco duties were dealt with this morning by Magistrate Orme who heard a series of charges against shopkeepers and stall holders in various parts of the island and on the mainland for possession of dutiable cigarettes.

Mr. Taylor of the Revenue Department conducted the prosecution against a Chinese tobaccoist charged with the unlawful possession of 9,940 dutiable cigarettes of various Chinese brands.

Mr. W. E. Hind, who appeared for the defence, entered a plea of "guilty" to a technical offence. He explained that on the day before the new tobacco duty ordinance came into force, his client sent out his junks to purchase all the cigarettes they could get at the old price. Among the cigarettes purchased were 25 packets marked "for export." When the Revenue Officer checked the stock and found these packets, he seized all the cigarettes. Mr. Hind said that he would have to plead "guilty" with regard to all the cigarettes as his client had no means of proving that duty had been paid on them, having bought them from many different shops and stalls. Counsel submitted that his explanation, if not satisfactory, was a possible one, and he asked that in the circumstances the Magistrate impose a nominal fine.

Replying to the Magistrate, Mr. Taylor admitted that there was no direct test to prove whether or not duty had been paid on a particular packet of cigarettes, but pointed out that under the ordinance, the onus rested with the defence to prove that duty had been paid. Therefore the safest thing for tobaccoists to do was to get their stocks direct from the B.A.T. or the Nanyang Brothers.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$100, or in default, one month's hard labour.

When a Hongkong shopkeeper was charged with the possession of 1,600 dutiable cigarettes, Mr. Taylor said that when the defendant's shop was searched, a large quantity of empty cigarette boxes from which the export marks had been erased, were found in addition to the cigarettes.

The defendant said that he got the boxes by buying other articles which could not be packed in paper. Most sundry shops kept empty cigarette boxes for this purpose.

A fine of \$50, or one month's hard labour was imposed.

Possession of 4,000 dutiable cigarettes cost one man \$50, 500 another \$15, 800 a small boy \$20, 500 a Yaumati dealer \$15, and 1,129 another man \$25. In every case the cigarettes were confiscated.

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No fire insurance has been effected.

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Hongkong, May 10, 1921.

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the *China Mail*, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, (as announced in May and June of last year) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

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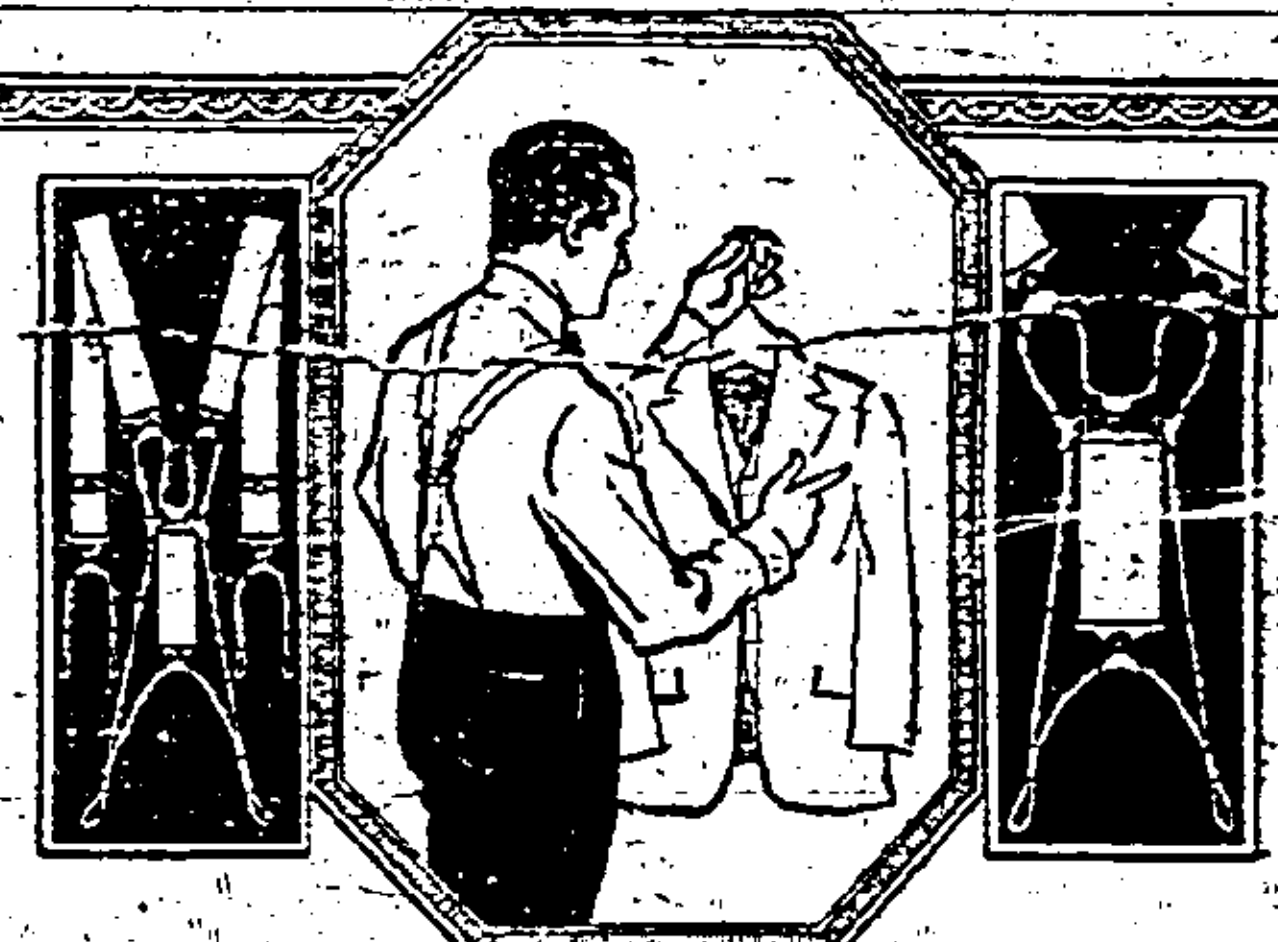
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INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held in the pavilion of the Club TO-DAY, the 10th May, 1921, at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of confirming the following resolutions which were passed at an extraordinary general meeting of members held on the 14th day of April, 1921.

1. That the present Hongkong Cricket Club be wound up, and the Committee be authorised to take all necessary steps for the purpose.

2. That the Committee be authorised to register a Company limited by guarantee not exceeding \$100 per member, on the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association which will be submitted to the Meeting.

3. That the Committee be authorised to assign and hand over to the new Company, when registered all the assets of the Club.

By Order of the Committee.

L. S. GREENHILL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, May 2, 1921.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 4th ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, May 27th, 1921, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1920, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 14th May to 27th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.

Hongkong, May 5, 1921.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 5th ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, May 27th, 1921, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1920, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 14th May to 27th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.

Hongkong, May 5, 1921.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 32nd ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings on FRIDAY, May 27th, 1921, at 12.45 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1920, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 14th May to 27th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,
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INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 28th day of May, 1921, at NOON, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit of passing the following resolutions:—

1. That the Directors of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the shareholders of the Company to take the steps necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof to effect the amendments necessary to the Ordinances under which the Company is incorporated and carrying on business so as to allow of the capital of the Company being from time to time increased from 20 millions of dollars the present authorised capital of the Company to 30 millions of dollars.

2. That the Capital of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation be forthwith increased from \$13,000,000 to \$20,000,000 by the creation of 40,000 New Shares of \$25 each to be issued at the price of \$20 on the terms after mentioned. Shareholders on the Eastern Registers to pay for their allotments at the rate of exchange for the Company's demand Bills on London on the day on which the instalments are due.

3. That the said New Shares be in the first instance, in such manner as the Directors shall prescribe for that purpose, offered to shareholders in the proportion of one New Share for every three shares of which on the 28th day of May, 1921, Shareholders shall respectively be the registered Holders, and that any New Shares not accepted by Shareholders within the time limited by the Directors for that purpose be disposed of and allotted by the Directors in such manner and at such price as in their discretion they shall think best in the interests of the Company.

4. That the payment of the sum of \$70 per share for each of the said New Shares be made as follows, viz:—

1st instalment of \$35 on the 1st of July, 1921.

2nd and final instalment of \$35 on the 1st day of October, 1921.

5. That the Directors issue to Shareholders, holding shares less than or not a multiple of three, a fractional certificate in respect of each share less than three or in excess of a multiple of three and allot one New Share to every person who shall produce three such Fractional Certificates on or before the 1st day of July, 1921, and pay the first instalment in respect thereof.

6. That after payment of the instalment, and pending payment of the remaining instalment, Scrip Certificates in such form as the Directors may determine be issued in respect of such New Shares entitling the holders on payment of the remaining instalment, and subject to such other terms as to approval, date for lodging scrip certificates and otherwise as the Directors may prescribe, to be registered as the owner of the shares respectively represented by such Scrip Certificates.

7. That interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum be allowed out of the profits of the Company on instalments paid in advance of the dates when the same become due, and that registered holders of Scrip Certificates for New Shares be entitled in respect of such New Shares to participate in future dividends on an equality with the old shares, in proportion to the instalments paid up, and from due dates for payment of same.

8. That interest at the rate of 8 per centum per annum be charged on each instalment not punctually paid, and be paid with each such instalment.

9. That all moneys received from premium on the said New Shares be added to the Sterling Reserve Fund.

FOR THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 28, 1921.

INTIMATIONS.

PUBLIC MEETING ON THE RATES QUESTION.

THE Joint Committees of the ASSOCIATION and the KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION invite their members and the Public generally to a meeting for the purpose of passing a Resolution against the increase of the House Rates.

The Meeting will be held at the THEATRE, at 5.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 11th May, 1921, and it is hoped to obtain a large attendance.

Hongkong, May 7, 1921.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

NOTICE.

THE FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Constitutional Reform Association of Hongkong will be held in the Theatre, City Hall, on WEDNESDAY, 11th day of May, 1921, at 6.15 p.m., for the following purposes:—

To receive the Report of the Committee and Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1920.

To consider the following resolutions:—

(1) That all the non-Chinese members of the Legislative Council be elected.

(2) That a larger electoral body be adopted in the case of all such non-Chinese members with the exception of the Representative of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

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By Order of the Committee,

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED.

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INTIMATIONS.

PUBLIC MEETING ON THE RATES QUESTION.

THE Joint Committees of the ASSOCIATION and the KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION invite their members and the Public generally to a meeting for the purpose of passing a Resolution against the increase of the House Rates.

The Meeting will be held at the THEATRE, at 5.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 11th May, 1921, and it is hoped to obtain a large attendance.

Hongkong, May 7, 1921.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

NOTICE.

THE FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Constitutional Reform Association of Hongkong will be held in the Theatre, City Hall, on WEDNESDAY, 11th day of May, 1921, at 6.15 p.m., for the following purposes:—

To receive the Report of the Committee and Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1920.

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EASTERN EXCHANGE.

(Continued from page 2.)

Let me conclude on his note. Had our silver boom of a year ago been prolonged for at least another decade, and none of us contemplated the hari-kari of the French and American meetings of their coined silver—had Bombay and Calcutta, had Singapore and Hongkong continued with high exchange to buy our goods voraciously, then the eastward drain of our western gold, and especially of America's, would have, and in at most three years, given us a ten shilling dollar. And that, indeed, when the present "frozen exchange" with India has thawed out, is what awaits us to-day if nothing "international" to stay the white plague is achieved. A loss of 250,000,000 sovereigns to India will leave sterling, and still more the dollar—where? Look at the percentages of the specie drain to India since light-heartedly and in complete ignorance Mr. Gladstone tampered with her currency in 1893—the drain for the two previous centuries having been roughly one-fifth gold to four-fifths silver:

P.c. of Gold. P.c. of Silver.

1888-1890 . . . 24.18 . . . 75.82

1891-1895 . . . 01.54 . . . 98.46

1896-1900 . . . 47.44 . . . 52.56

1901-1905 . . . 66.01 . . . 33.99

1906-1910 . . . 61.22 . . . 38.78

1911 . . . 73.58 . . . 26.42

1912 . . . 87.70 . . . 12.30

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BIRTH.

GOW.—At Scotsown, Glasgow, on April 25, to Mr. and Mrs. David Gow, Kowloon, a son. (By cable.)

DEATH.

GOW.—At Scotsown, Glasgow, on May 1, Mrs. David Gow (nee Queenie Tateham), wife of Mr. David Gow, Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. (By cable.)

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MAY 10, 1921.

RIGHT AND WRONG MIXED.

Our Canton contemporary, the *Times*, in some editorial comments on the inauguration of Sun Wen as President, and the Hongkong Government's alleged attitude thereto, achieves the usual mixture of right and wrong. We intend to say that no reflection against the conduct of the *Canton Times* particularly; we all *China Mail* included, usually include some of both ingredients in our comments. Humanly speaking, it is inevitable. As we say it, we are inclined to agree with our contemporary that the prohibition of such things as of Hongkong celebrations in sympathy with the Canton rejoicings was unnecessary, high-handed, and indiscreet. To that extent we think the *Canton Times* was right in its comments published yesterday. We think it was wrong in suggesting that our Government had any political bias either way, and we know it was wrong in suggesting that the Hongkong newspapers were tutored by anyone hostile to the Southern Govern-

ment of China. It was most certainly wrong in implying that the notice promulgated by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, touching "loan" subscriptions to Sun Wen, had any political bias, or that it was in any way a wrong or unnecessary warning to issue. The *China Mail* itself would have issued a similar warning, had it known that money was being collected locally in that way; for every lender of money has a right to the fullest information as to his chances of getting it back. If a Hongkong Chinese desires to contribute money as a gift to Sun Wen or his government, we know of no one's right to stop him; but this proclamation, as it stated, "so that the inhabitants might not be deceived," and we are bound to applaud it, and claim that the originator of it, whoever he was, deserves honorable mention as a public-spirited public official. It is a pity we have to dilute this praise of the S.C.A. by denouncing any prohibition of celebrations he may have issued. As already indicated, we do not know that he did, but the *Canton paper* affirms that the Chinese have been "angered" by such a proclamation. The only one we know of warned the people against unlicensed cracker firing—a quite proper warning—and against faction fights—also a desirable reminder that we do not want our civic peace disturbed by squabbles over external politics. If the Hongkong Government forbade "any celebration" we will concede that it went too far, was tyrannous, and acted in a way calculated, as our *Canton contemporary* says, to injure Anglo-Chinese friendship. The reader is to note that we are sceptical about the existence of any such official proclamation. We are the more inclined to doubt it because the same paper that reports it was quite evidently in a most reckless mood during the weekend, and prone to rash statements. It had not the slightest foundation for alleging even with the guarded phrase "it

would seem," that the Hongkong papers got any *mot d'ordre* from the Government. Speaking for ourselves, the *China Mail* would resent anything of the sort, and give it the widest publicity and strongest censure. But Hongkong is not Canton. Such *mot d'ordre* are unknown here, whatever may happen in Canton. No local papers were "coached," except, by a stretch of the meaning of the word, those which may have tapped the *Canton Times* for a few hints. If the *Canton Times* will supply us with any real evidence, that the Hongkong Government is "hostile" to Sun Wen or his government, we, although we do not approve of Sun Wen, his views, or his advisers, will attack it vigorously for meddling with what it has no right to meddle. But we are sure that no such evidence will be forthcoming. It does not exist. Of course," says the *Canton Times*, "we are fully aware of the fact that Hongkong's big interests and even the Hongkong Government have been keenly disappointed by the fact that the present authorities in Canton have refused to recognize the Cassel colonies agreements, which to our knowledge had been condemned by fair-minded Britons." The accusation implied therein is too serious to make without grounds, and until our contemporary shows cause, we denounce it as a rash and reckless slander.

ANOTHER CANTON REPORT.

A Canton paper is credited with the report that part of our Government's business in Peking is to get the Northern Government to ratify the Cassel colonies concessions in Kwangtung, bought from the Kwangsi tuchun while he pursued authority at Canton. We thought the Hongkong Government would do well to deny this at once, before it spread further. It is a very damaging, if stupid, report. When approached on the subject this morning and asked whether he would authorize us to publish an official denial the Colonial Secretary characterised the report as "utterly not worth any sensible person would pay any attention to." He spoke on the telephone to H.E. the Officer Administering the Government and then told our reporter that "the Government was not in a position to tell us what was the Governor's mission to Peking." Probably, the Colonial Secretary added with a smile, "I wouldn't tell you if I did know anything about it but I can honestly say that I don't know what the Governor has gone to Peking for." So with that we had performed to be content.

TRADE WITH AUSTRALIA.

Having fostered primary production to an extent which has rendered essential large exports, Australia is eagerly seeking new markets, and as her geographical position gives her a peculiar commercial interest in the East, it is not surprising to find her turning to China which offers a market of the greatest promise. Of the £300,000,000 representing the gross value of China's imports and exports in 1919 Australia's share was inexcusably small. In 1918-19 the total trade interchange between China (including Hongkong) and the Commonwealth was £1,830,000, the exports from Australia amounting to £909,144. With the industrial development of China and the consequent increase in the purchasing power of the people, estimated at under 9s. per head in 1919—together with the closer commercial relations between the two countries following the appointment of a Commonwealth trade commissioner, Australia will have only herself to blame if the amount involved does not show a substantial increase. The task will not be a light one with the European, the American, and the Japanese exporter already straining every nerve to exploit the Chinese market, but once she has secured a firm commercial footing Australia may look to enjoy a share of the trading benefit certain to follow the development of China's vast resources in the near future.

A VULGAR EGOTIST.

"Since his time his name has been one of the utmost reinsurance to great multitudes of doubting men; to the business man hesitating over a more than shady transaction, to the clerk fingering a carelessly written cheque that could so easily be altered, to the trustee in want of ready money, to the manufacturer meditating the pros and cons of adulteration, to thousands of such people the word 'Napoleonic' has come with an effect of decisive relief." So does Wells as historian interpret the baleful influence of the unscrupulous egotist the centenary of whose death has just been celebrated with more honour and respect than it is to be feared would be accorded the memory of a less spectacular but infinitely greater servant of human-

ity. There is grim satisfaction in the thought that even the absurdly disproportionate tributes—worship of the very quality that constitutes his fascination—"that sound clear, self-centred common sense, without sentiment or scruples or reflection, that struggles with our feebleness better nature, that may ultimately destroy mankind"—would have caused the conceited vulgar-lan who played sedulous ape to Caesar and Charlemagne, no little chagrin, could he but have been present at the Arc de Triomphe the other day, so little would they approach his vainglorious conception of what was due to the man who moved a pope aside and crowned himself emperor.

COMPANY REPORT.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the fortieth ordinary meeting of the Company, is as follows:

The General Agents and Consulting Committee have pleasure in submitting a statement of the affairs of the office made up to December 31, 1920, in sterling and Hongkong currency.

1919 Account.—After paying an interim dividend of \$18 per share on May 25, 1920, the amount standing to the credit of this account is \$863,127.43.

This is resolved to deal with in the following manner:—
To pay a final dividend of \$12 per share..... \$170,000.00
To add to Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account..... 50,000.00
To add to Underwriting Suspense Account to close the year 1919.... 643,127.43
\$863,127.43

1920 Account.—The amount standing at credit of this account is \$2,795,372.05. Out of this the general agents and Consulting Committee have declared an interim dividend of \$18 per share amounting to \$189,000. The balance of \$2,605,372.05 will be carried forward.

Consulting Committee.—Messrs. G. W. Barton, A. H. Compton, C. S. Gubbay and F. Maitland resigned their seats on account of their departure from the Colony and Messrs. H. P. White, A. M. Bowes-Smith, H. W. Sassoon and E. J. Chapman were invited to fill the vacancies.

The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. White, Pearce, Chapman, Sassoon and Bowes-Smith retire but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. A. R. Lowe, F.C.A. and J. Hennessey-Sett, F.S.A., the latter in place of Mr. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., on leave.

Messrs. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A. and A. R. Lowe, F.C.A., being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Among the passengers who left by the s.s. "Dilwara" for Bombay today was Comdr. G. H. Hodgson.

The approaching wedding is announced of Mr. C. F. Vas, of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., to Miss B. M. Leon.

His Excellency Sir R. E. Stubbs is returning to the Colony by the "Empress of Japan" due early on Thursday, May 12.

Mischa Elman, the famous violinist, arrived in Manila, by the "Ecuador." He comes to Hongkong by the "Empress of Asia," on May 18.

Messrs. Hughes and Hough advertise the sale by auction of the W. D. vessel "Hercules" on Friday, May 20 at the Royal Army Service Corps pier. The vessel will be open to inspection from May 17, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

While the C.N. Co.'s s.s. "Kashin" was lying at the Russian Bund, Tientsin, on the night of April 30, Mr. W. S. Hitch, second officer, fell overboard and is believed to have been drowned, nothing having since been seen or heard of him.

A Chinese who recently returned from America was this morning fined \$15 by Magistrate Lindell for the unlawful possession of 48 rounds of ammunition found on his person when he was searched on the Han Tek wharf yesterday.

A shopkeeper carrying on business at No. 19, Canton Road has reported to the police that on April 25 an accountant who collected \$2,200 on his behalf absconded, but the report is considered doubtful as it took him over a week to inform the police.

The organ recital given in St. John's Cathedral last evening by Mr. Denman Fuller in aid of the organ fund was characteristically good, though the attendance was not so large as usual owing to the unfriendly weather. Mrs. A. M. Bowes, the soloist, acquitted herself with great credit and a very pleasant evening was spent.

MOTORIST FINED.

FAILING TO STOP AFTER ACCIDENT.

MAN KNOCKED DOWN.

The case in which a motorist, William Christinus van der Steen, of the Deli Planters' Association, was summoned for failing to sound his horn and failing to stop after an accident, on April 25th, came before Mr. R. E. Lindell again at the Magistracy this morning.

The Magistrate: I do not quite understand why you did not attend this Court last week. You wrote a letter to the Court saying you had a business engagement. A Court of Law cannot possibly accept any excuse of that sort.

Defendant: I am very sorry, Sir, I did not know.

When the charges were read over to him, the defendant said he used his horn and stopped the car after the man fell down.

The evidence already taken was read over to the defendant. His comment was that he stopped the car, looked around, and seeing everything all right, went on.

The first witness, re-called, said it was possible the car stopped and then went on again. He was confident the horn was not sounded.

The Magistrate (to defendant): Both the witnesses got straight off the tram and by the time they got to the scene, the car had gone. It does not seem to excuse your having gone on immediately.

Defendant: I saw the man walking to the side walk. I only knocked him with my mud-guard.

Kwok Ling, after, employed by the Hongkong Electric Company, said that on April 25th he was waiting for one of the Company's cars. Mr. Lewis shouted to him from a tram car, and as he did not hear him he decided to board the tram. A motor car suddenly came round the corner and knocked him down. He lay on the tram line and was unconscious. He had crossed the inner set of rails when he was knocked down. The off mid-guard struck him. He heard no horn blown, and he did not see the car until he was knocked down.

The Magistrate: You said just now you were unconscious but you got up directly afterwards, I understand.

Witness: I was lifted up. You knew that?—Yes.

When you came to your senses, was the car there?—No, it was not to be seen.

The defendant: It must have been difficult for him to hear the horn if he was running for the car.

The Magistrate: You had better put that in the form of a question and ask if he was walking or running. (To the witness): How could you possibly catch the tram if you did not run?

Witness: The car had not passed me then. The witness also said he was perfectly certain no horn was sounded.

The Magistrate (to defendant): I understood you to say you saw this man get up. Did he get up by himself?

Defendant: No, somebody was helping him.

The Magistrate: Then you can hardly say you saw him get up.

Lau Sam, 404, said he was with the last witness. He did not hear the horn sounded. After the man was knocked down, the car went on.

The Magistrate: Went straight on without halting?

Witness: It slowed down but the people did not get out of the car. I was 40 feet away from the car and when I came up the car was moving away. It slowed down but did not stop.

The defendant did not cross-examine.

The Magistrate: Do you wish to give evidence on oath yourself?

Defendant: Yes, Sir.

Are you calling any witnesses?—No, but my driver is outside.

The Magistrate suggested that he be sent for and instructed that some one should be detailed to look after the car.

The defendant said he was driving car No. 191 on the day in question.

The Magistrate: Tell me exactly what happened?

Defendant: I came down from the Peak Tramway Station on the way to the Hongkong Hotel. As I was passing the City Hall corner, a man was running to catch the tram. I put my brakes on but the right side of the car knocked him down. After that I stopped my car, just for a moment, and saw the Chinese going to the sidewalk, and thinking it was nothing.

The Magistrate: You saw him go over?

Defendant: Yes, I saw him; he was being helped by one of his friends.

The Magistrate: Yes, and after that?

Defendant: Thinking it was not serious, I continued on my way.

The Magistrate: You did not get out?—You did not think it was your duty, when you had knocked a man down, to get out and find out if he

REVENGE.

A CURIOUS STORY.

STORY OF REJECTED LOVERS.

MAN KNOCKED DOWN.

A curious story of a husband and wife was told at Tottenham recently when a good-looking young woman complained that since her marriage she had been bruised all over, again and again, but not by her husband.

"He too wants to speak to you about it," she said to the magistrate.

Before I met my husband I used to walk out with another young man. I threw him over to marry my husband, whom I liked better.

"Now every night he lies in wait for me and kicks me as I pass. Last night he waylaid me six times."

The Magistrate asked why the husband did not protect his wife.

The husband: You have not heard my story yet. I was engaged to a girl and left her to marry this one (the wife). Now every time the other girl sees me she throws stones at me. Last night I was hit in the eye with half a brick.

The Magistrate said it was remarkable for both to be persecuted by rejected lovers.

"They plan it together," said the wife. When they were rejected they married one another."

The Magistrate: A policeman shall caution the couple.

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TRAGEDY AT SEA.

JUMPS OVERBOARD WHILE INSANE.

The Norwegian liner "Bergenstjord" arrived at New York with a dramatic story of the suicide at sea of Thor Dahl, described as the richest young man in Norway. Dahl, aged 30, is heir to a fortune estimated at \$3,000,000 left by his father, the head of a whaling syndicate.

During a storm, according to the captain, he went insane, tore up the sheets in his cabin, destroyed the electric fixtures, cut his clothing into strips, and then, presumably, jumped overboard.

It has become known that Dahl was wanted as witness in a perjury suit arising from an incident which occurred when he was janitor in a New York boarding house in 1919. After the suit had been filed, Dahl returned to Norway, ostensibly to inherit his father's millions.

Federal officials do not appear satisfied with the explanation of his disappearance in mid-ocean, and intend to make searching investigations to ascertain whether he is still alive, and possibly has entered the country unobserved.

NOT SHAMEFUL.

THE SHIMMY.

IF SHOWN OF THE SHAKE.

Can the "shimmy" be reformed? Is the question which continues to exercise the Congress of Dancing Masters in Paris. The decision of the assembly is that the dance becomes inoffensive if the "shake" is taken out of it, the movement of the feet alone being described as being no more than a "harmless jig."

Several dancing masters from the provinces complained that it was useless to condemn the dance as all their pupils insisted on learning it. As regards Paris, however, the majority of dancers agree with the professors that the "shimmy" and the "jazz" band have had their day.

Witness: You did nothing; you made no report to the police but went straight on?

Defendant: Yes.

Anything else?—No, Sir.

What about the horn? Four witnesses have said you never sounded your horn at all as you went round the corner?—When I turned the corner I sounded my horn.

The defendant's chauffeur said the horn was sounded and after the accident the car stopped.

The Magistrate: How long?

Witness: For five minutes.

The Magistrate: Five Minutes!

The witness repeated his reply in English. He added, "Seeing the man getting up himself, the master started again."

The Magistrate (to defendant): Anything else you wish the witness to say?

Defendant: Yes, he said the car stopped for five minutes. That is not true.

The Magistrate: No, of course it isn't. You admit yourself you only stopped for one minute. I find both charges proved. I think it is quite possible you stopped momentarily but that is not what is contemplated by the requirement to stop as provided in the Regulations. It means to definitely stop the car and render assistance, and see if you can do anything for the injured person. It does not mean going away without waiting to see if the man is going to die, and never making any report to the police. For not sounding the horn I fine you \$10 and for not stopping, I fine you \$50.

HEAVY LANDSLIDES.

REFULSE BAY ISOLATED.

SEA WALL WASHED AWAY.

RETAINING WALL COLLAPSES.

The heavy rains of the past few days have caused landslides and collapses in various parts of the island. So far one death only has been reported. In addition to the landslide on Aberdeen Road reported yesterday landslides at various points on the Shaikwan Road between Quarry Bay and the tram terminus yesterday afternoon blocked the only other approach to Repulse Bay. Tons of earth and stones fell on the road from the hillside and all traffic, including the trams, was held up for many hours. It was not until 9 p.m. that way was cut through the obstruction by the gangs who were called to work immediately after the first fall of earth. No sooner had one section of the line been cleared than a fresh fall was reported to have occurred some hundred yards away. Altogether about seven falls occurred during the afternoon. By 9.30 p.m. the tracks were cleared sufficiently to permit the resumption of the tram service which, with the exception of hods in one or two places met with no further interruption.

A large boulder came down from the hillside behind No. 43, Quarry Bay. It missed the house by inches and rolled into the channel where its career was checked.

A large portion of the foreshore at Quarry point was washed away into the sea by the flood of rain water which poured down in torrents from the hillside. The man was reported to have been washed away to sea by the flood from the Tai Kok Sugar Refinery and dived.

Large slides of earth and stones are also reported to have occurred on Stanley Road, about a mile from the Shaikwan tram terminus. Details of these are still very meagre. Other smaller slides occurred at Conduit and May Roads.

The open balcony of the third floor of No. 25, Elgin Street suddenly collapsed yesterday afternoon, and sheets of rain water were blown by the strong wind into the second floor of the house, flooding it to a depth of about one foot. The house was immediately vacated by the occupants, and shoring work was at once undertaken.

Large pieces of plaster and bricks came down from the roof and walls of No. 114 Queen's Road East, the house adjoining the one which collapsed some time ago causing many deaths. This house was also ordered to be vacated, and the walls and roof were immediately shored.

A large verandah beam of a Chinese Restaurant at the corner of Queen's Road Central and Swatow Street gave way and fell into the road. Several pedestrians escaped death by a hairs breadth. Luckily the other beam held and the prompt shoring of the verandah saved a collapse.

RETAINING WALL COLLAPSES.

Later, The retaining wall on the hillside at the back of the new Government quarters in Wongneichong Road, Happy Valley, was so badly sapped by the rain that it collapsed without warning, bringing down with it much earth. The wall was some distance away from the houses, which were not damaged. The occupants of some of the houses suffered great inconvenience through the flooding of the lower floors with water from the hill side which poured down like a river. To crown their misery, the electric supply was cut off at night, and the evening meal had to be eaten by candle light.

A small landslide occurred on the hill near the Yee Yuen Gardens (Happy Retreat), Happy Valley. Earth and stones blocked the drain and the rain water rushed across the road into the raccourse which was soon flooded in some places as high as the railings. The recreation grounds on the other side were also several inches under water. The ravine nearly overflowed with rain water at narrow and shallow parts.

HOMELESS VILLAGERS.

Wongneichong village behind the raccourse was also flooded, and in many places the ground was under several feet of water. Two houses collapsed, luckily without causing any fatalities. Many of the villagers were homeless and without shelter during the night owing to their small one-storeyed shacks having been flooded.

No report of floods or slides has yet come from the mainland.

The Bank of England has appointed Mr. E. R. Peacock, a Canadian by birth, education, and business experience, a director of the Bank. As far as can be remembered by bank officials, he is the first Colonial to serve on the directorate. It is stated that there is no significance attached to the appointment, beyond the idea of widening the Bank's scope and emphasising its interest in overseas financial matters. In this connection we may recall that there was a break with tradition when a short time since the board elected Sir Charles Adair, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, to a seat on the board, Sir Charles having, of course, a special knowledge of banking both in the East and in the Far East.

SHIPPING

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VIII.—THE SIEGE OF THE "UPLANDS."

BY SAKI ROEMER.

(Continued from yesterday.)

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The end of the quest in which Earl Dexter, the dashing American, plays a game of American "hustle" for his own life and that of the narrator of these modern Arabian Nights, with Hassan of Aleppo himself.

He was dragged in to the drive—and something whizzed over our heads and went spluttering into the gravel away toward the house. The last to enter was the man who had come in the cab. As he barred the gate behind him he suddenly reached out through the bars and I saw a revolver in his hand.

Once—twice—thrice—he fired into the blackness of the lane.
"Take that, you swine!" he shouted. "Take that!"

As quickly as we could, bearing the insensible man, we hurried back to the door. On the step the woman was waiting for us, with her veil raised. A blinding flash of lightning came as we mounted the step—and I looked into the violet eyes of Carneta. I turned and stared at the man behind me.

It was Earl Dexter.
Three of the mysterious missiles fell amongst us, but miraculously no one was struck. Amid the mighty booming of the thunder we re-entered the house and got the door barred. In the hall we laid down the unconscious man and stood a strangely met company, peering at one another in the dim moonlight.

"We've got to bury the hatchet, Mr. Cavanaugh," said Dexter. "It's a case of the common enemy. I've brought you your bag!" and he pointed to the brown grip on the floor.
"My bag?" I cried. "My bag is upstairs in my room!"

"Wrong, sir!" rapped the Sombrero Man. "They are alike as two peas in a pod, I'll grant you, but the bag you snatched off the platform at New Street was mine! That's what I'm after; I ought to be on the way to Liverpool. That's what Hassan's after!"

"What is in the bag?" asked Hilton, hoarsely.
"The slipper of the Prophet, sir!" was the reply.

I felt dazed—as a man must feel who has just heard the death sentence pronounced upon him. Hilton seemed to have become incapable of speech or action; and in silence we stood watching Carneta tending the unconscious man. She forced brandy from a flask between his teeth. Presently she looked up.

"Will you please get me a bowl of water and a sponge?" she said quietly.

Soar departed without a word, and no one spoke until he returned, bringing the sponge and the water; when the girl set to work in a businesslike way to cleanse a wound which showed upon the man's head.

"She's a good nurse is Carneta," said Dexter coolly. "She was the only doctor I had through this—" indicating his maimed wrist. "If you will fetch my bag down, there's some lint in it."

I hesitated.
"You needn't worry," said Dexter; "as well be hung for a sheep as a lamb. You've handled the bag and I'm not asking you to do any more."

I went up to my room and lifted the grip from the chair upon which I had put it. His bag and mine were of identical appearance and both new. In fact, I had bought mine only that morning, my old one being past use.

As I picked up the bag, the lightning flashed again; and from the window I could see the orchard as clearly as by daylight. At the further end near the wall some one was standing watching the house.

I went downstairs carrying the fatal bag and rejoined the group in the hall. He will have to be got to bed," said Carneta, referring to the wounded man; "he will probably remain unconscious for a long time."

Accordingly, we took the patient into one of the few furnished bedrooms and, having put him to bed, left him in care of the beautiful nurse. When we four men met again downstairs, amazement had rendered the whole scene unreal to me. Soar stood just within the open door, not knowing whether to go or remain; but Hilton motioned to him to stay. Earl Dexter bit off the end of a cigar and stood with his left elbow resting on the mantel-piece.

His giant face looked grunter than ever, but the dare-devil gray eyes still shined with humorous light in their depths.

"Mr. Cavanaugh," he said, "we're brothers! And if you'll consider, a minute, you'll see that I'm not lying when I say I'm on the straight, now and for always!"

I made no reply. I could think of none.

"I'm a crook," he resumed; "but I was up to a while ago. There's a warrant out for me—the first that

ever bore my name. I've sailed near the wind often enough, but it was desperation that got me into hot water about that!"

He jerked his cigar in the direction of his grip, which lay, now, on the rug at his feet.

"I lost a useful right hand," he went on—"and I lost every cent I had. It was a dead rotten speculation—for I lost my good name! I mean it! Believe me, I've handled some shady propositions in the past, but I did it right in the sunlight. Up to the time I went out for that damned slipper I could have had hunch with any detective from Broadway to the Strand! What now? I'm wanted!" Enough said.

He tossed the cigar—he had smoked scarce an inch of it—into the empty grate.

"I'm an Aunt Sally for any man to slue at," he resumed bitterly. "My place henceforth is in the dark. Right! I've finished the book's closed. From the time I quit England—if I can quit—I'm on the straight! I've promised Carneta, and—I mean to keep my word. See here—"

Dexter turned to me.
"You'll want to know how I escaped from the cursed death-trip at Hassan's house in Kent? I'll tell you. I was never in it! I was hiding and waiting my chance. You know what was left to guard the slipper while the Sheikh—not him!—was away looking after arrangements for getting his mob out of the country?"

I nodded.
"You fell into the trap—you and Carneta. By God! I didn't know till it was all over! But two minutes later I was inside that place—and three minutes later I was away with the slipper! Oh, it wasn't a duplicate; it was the goods! What then? Carneta had had a sickening of the business and she just invited me to say yes or no. I said yes; and I'm a straight man onward."

"Then what were you doing on the train with the slipper?" asked Hilton suddenly.

"I was going to Liverpool, sir!" snapped the Sombrero Man, turning on him. "I was going to try to get aboard the 'Mauretania' and then make terms for my life! What happened? I skipped out at Birmingham for a drink—grip in hand! I put it down beside me and Mr. Cavanaugh, here, all in a hustle, must have rushed in behind me, snatched a whiskey and snatched my grip and started for H—"

"I knew from the weight of the grip it wasn't mine," said Dexter. "and I was the most surprised guy in Great Britain and Ireland when I found whose it was! I opened it, of course! And right on top was a waist-coat and right in the first pocket was a telegram. Here it is!"

He passed it to me. It was that which I had received from Hilton. I had packed the suit which I had been wearing that morning and must previously have thrust the telegram into the waistcoat pocket.

"Providence!" Dexter assured me. "Because I got on the stage in time to see Hassan of Aleppo join the train for H—! I was too late, though. But I chartered a taxi out on Corporation Street and invited the man to race the local! He couldn't do it, but we got here in time for the fireworks! Mr. Cavanaugh, there are anything from six to ten hashishin watching this house!"

"I know it!"

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Y. TSUTSUMI, Manager.

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